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The abstracts which follow are taken from Will Record A of Drew County, Arkansas, pages 1-75, covering the period 1847-1861. (Will Record A contains wills recorded 1847-1882.)

Drew County was created in 1846 from Bradley County. However, the county was not formally organized until 1847. The next year (1848) saw a major portion of Drew County cut off in the creation of Ashley County. The first courts were held at Rough and Ready, but Monticello (the present county seat) became the seat of justice for the county in 1850.

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WYATT, Mary A-1
Nov. 26, 1846, Desha Co., Ark.
proved Apr. 13, 1847
son Samuel, land in Desha Co.
division "between Sosen Elizabeth and Samuel" "until
he the said Samuel becomes of age"
daughter Elizabeth
"equally divided between Thos (those) three children
Sosen (or Soesen)
Elizabeth
and Samuel"
daughter Harriet McIntosh
John Smith, executor

ASHLEY, Chester A-3
of Little Rock
Sept. 16, 1843, Little Rock
proved June 10, 1848, Pulaski Co., Ark.
recorded July 6, 1848, Phillips Co., Ark.
recorded July 25, 1848, Chicot Co., Ark.
wife Mary W. W. Ashley, executrix
children: minors, wife named guardian
son William Elliott Ashley
daughter Frances Ann Ashley
son Henry Charles Ashley
Mrs. Eliza Henderson, widow of Joseph Henderson, dec.,
and sister of wife
sister Mary A. Van Alstyne of Shodrick (?) Landing, New
York
brother Pomeroy Ashley

BOND, Lewis A. A-12
Nov. 13, 1848
filed Nov. 26, 1849
"equal distribution ... between my four children;
Augustus N. Bond,
Edwin Z. Bond,
Lewis Henry Bond (minor), and
Mary Jane Bond
wife Mary T. Bond
daughter Martha E. (Bond) Martin
Benjamin W. Martin of Bradley Co. and Augustus N. Bond
of Drew County, executors

SURGENT, Thomas A-13
May 31, 1850
proved June 25, 1850
friend Jasper M. McCormich, sole legatee and executor

HANKINS, C. T.

A-15

Nov. 23, 1850

proved Dec. 1850

"my eight children and one grandchild";

4 daughters: Elizabeth, Martha Claranda P., and
Wilmouth Hankins

4 sons: Robert, William, Kinsworthy and Lytle Hankins
grandson James Hankins

David S. Wells, executor

NETTLES, Samuel

A-16

Mar. 13, 1851

proved July 14, 1851

"young friend" Abner Gaines Bush, legatee

"young friend" Philip Edward Bush, legatee

Friend John Cray Bush of Drew County, executor

ADCOCK, John

A-17

Oct. 29, 1851

proved Jan. 13, 1852

wife Sarah

son William W. Adcock

daughter Mary Ann A. Dill

son Henry G. Adcock

daughter Elizabeth J. Jones

daughter Susan E. Eubank

daughter Alcy C. Thomas

William J. and Henry C. Adcock, heirs of eldest son

John W. Adcock, dec.

Henry G. Adcock, executor

BURFORD, Philip G.

A-20

Aug. 3, 1852

proved Aug. 26, 1852

daughter Rebecca C. Hankins

son R. G. Burford

daughter Sarah Burford

"I desire for the rest of my daughters to complete
her education" (reference to Sarah Burford)

wife Martha Burford

"my children" Mary Wood, Fanny E. Burford, Nancy Burford,
James Burford, and Sarah Burford

daughter Tabitha Gardner

John S. Handly, executor

CROOK, Wylie D.

A-21

July 12, 1853

proved July 18, 1853

each of my children:

Henry H. Crook

Mary H. Massey

Juliet E. Royal

Chloe Hammett

John W. Crook

CROOK, Wylie D. (continued)
 wife Ruth B. Crook
 "youngest child" under 15 (probably John W. Crook)
 son Henry H. Crook and son-in-law Young R. Royal,
 executors

LAMBERT, Sarah A-25
 "of the County and State of Arkansas" (?)
 Apr. 6, 1852
 proved Nov. 9, 1853
 son Cyphean (?) Lambert
 son Perry Lambert, "to take my place in the will of his
 grandfather, Andrew Lambert," also named executor
 daughter Dora Ann T. Withers
 daughter Roanna Agburn (or Ogburn)
 daughter Sarah Ann Ferrell
 son Andrew M. Lambert
 daughter Polly Ann Lambert
 son George W. Lambert, minor, "property given him by his
 grandfather Andrew Lambert"
 daughter Elisa Ann (son Perry Lambert, guardian)
 son William H. H. Lambert (son Perry Lambert, guardian)
 cattle named as "Goodwin stock" and "Bayou Bartholomew
 stock"

YOUNG, Evans A-28
 of Maury Co., Tenn.
 Sept. 11, 1851
 proved June 7, 1854, Maury Co., Tenn.
 recorded July 10, 1854, Drew Co., Ark.
 wife Sarah F. Young
 son James Young, under 21
 tract of land adjoining John Beard (Baird)
 daughter Julia Baird
 daughter Mary Frances Pellon (Pelton?), lot in
 Columbia "which I purchased from James H. Polk"
 "my other daughters," minors
 farms on Green's lick creek and on Little Bigby
 interest in store house and lot in Lebanon, Ky.
 lands in Arkansas
 lands on the Tennessee River near the termination of
 the Central Turnpike
 "at the death of my mother my interest in my father
 and mothers estate"
 cedar land to John Beard and son James, to revert to
 Hugh Bradshaw when cleared
 John Beard, A. S. Pellon and W. J. Dale, executors

LUCAS, William H. A-34
 Jan. 26, 1856; filed Apr. 22, 1856
 wife and 5 children
 father-in-law John Smith and friend William M. Harrison,
 executors

WILSON, Marvin A.

A-35

of Monticello

June 7, 1856

proved Aug. 28, 1856

wife Nancy Amanda

children Anna Marilla Wilson and Albert Doty

Wilson, minors, friend Isaac A. J. Handley, guardian

"partnership in planting" with Isaac A. J. Handley

friends Isaac A. J. Handley and Frederick Wells,

executors

HALLIGAN, John

A-38

Nov. 16, 1855

incomplete

wife Nancy, executrix and sole legatee

STOKES, Allen

A-39

Oct. 26, 1857

filed Nov. 19, 1857

wife Susan, executrix

"equal division among my children"

son-in-law John E. Drake excluded

WELCH, Mark G.

A-40

Mar. 2, 1857

proved Aug. 3, 1857

wife Sabell, sole legatee

Thomas G. Hudspeth, executor

ERWIN, James L.

A-41

of Marshall Co., Miss.

June 9, 1851, Marshall Co., Miss.

filed Aug. 26, 1858, Drew Co., Ark.

brother George W. Erwin and wife Margaret J. Erwin,
executors and "guardians for my children"

BAKER, Sarah

A-43

Aug. 28, 1857

filed Jan. 11, 1859

N. N. Bryant, property "to be his part of my estate"

Elisha Baker

Sarah Lue Ellen Welch, "besides what is her mothers,"
her grandfather's bed

James Frankling Bryant, "shot gun ... that Mr. Baker
had with him when he dide"

William Urieriarn (?)

Ellen Welch

residual division "between Ellen Welch and James
Frankling and William Mercen(?)"

Elisha Baker owes money "he borrowed from his father
before he dide"

CHILDERS, Holman F.

A-45

Dec. 15, 1858

proved Jan. 31, 1859

"my two granddaughters" Martha Parmer and Mary Parmer,
property left in the hands of James M. Parmer

John L. Childers

David R. Childers

Mandy An Childers and John D. Childers, minor, and

Martha Cay Childers, heirs of John T. Childers

Shipman Denton and John T. Childers, executors

maintenance of heirs of H. F. Childers, Jr.

Elvira Childers

RIDGELL, John W.

A-47

Jan. 13, 1851

proved May 17, 1859

wife Emiline

"all my children"

son Francis Marion Ridgell

friends John Handley and Isaac Jackson Handley,
executors

HOOVER, Nathan B.

A-53

of Monticello

Nov. 13, 1859

proved Dec. 9, 1859

town property in partnership with William M. Harrison

"my children except my daughter Helen E. whose education
is complete to be Thoroughly educated my boys to
take a collegiate course"

brother John J. Hooker of Lexington, Miss., to be
guardian of children

wife

daughter Mary Lenaria(?)

brother Dr. William J. Hooker

William M. Harrison "my law partner," law books

William M. Harrison, executor

WALLACE, Horatio

A-57

Feb. 1860

proved Mar. 10, 1860

wife Mary Jane Wallace, sole legatee

William T. Wells, and David S. Wells, executors

GASTER, Stephen

A-59

Nov. 24, 1859 (possibly 1857)

proved Apr. 23, 1860

wife Martha

"my two sons" Stephen, Jr., and James, minors

"my three married children";

daughter Elizabeth Bailey

sons Daniel Gaster, William Gaster

son William Gaster, executor (son Daniel Gaster,
alternate)

CLARY, Henry

A-62

June 5, 1860

proved July 14, 1860

daughter Mary Ann

"my grandson" John Archibald Clary, the son of John
W. Clary

son Elisha Charles

daughters Mary Ann and Jemima Jane

sons Alson Martin Vanburen and John Wesley

granddaughter Sarah Frances, daughter of deceased son

Casper Smith Clary

son John Wesley Clary, executor

GASTER, William

A-64

Nov. 17, 1860

proved Nov. 20, 1860

daughter Mary Ann Elizabeth Gaster

wife Susan Gaster

friend Young R. Royal, executor and guardian of

daughter Mary Ann Elizabeth Gaster

GARDNER, Mathew

A-66

Jan. 28, 1861

proved Jan. 29, 1861

wife Mary

son John Gardner

daughter Mary Gardner

daughter Frances Gardner

"my other children" Sarah Gardner, Robert Gardner,
and George Gardner

brother Jackson Gardner, executor

HEMINGWAY, Wilson

A-68

of Monticello

May 4, 1861

proved May 4, 1861

father C. F.(?) Hemingway, executor

firm accounts of Hemingway & Co.

wife, sole legatee

"my brothers and sisters," residual legatees

LEE, Hannah

A-70

Nov. 12, 1861

proved Dec. 7, 1861

daughters Mary Blocker and Elizabeth Perkins, 1/3 each

children of Sarah Jane Price, 1/3 part

Sarah Lee, daughter of deceased son William P. Lee

friends Dr. J. W. Barnett and Samuel Johnson, executors

BOYD, James

A-72

Oct. 8, 1861

filed Dec. 14, 1861

son Francis M. Boyd

son Samuel

"to my (son?) James"

son John T. (L.?) Boyd

daughter Elizabeth A.

daughter Margaret

son Francis M. Boyd and William Hanah, executors

"my two deformed children William and Sarah"

SMALL, James H.

A-74

July 13, 1861

proved Dec. 27, 1861

business left in the hands of W. P. Burk

father, George Small

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